REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. A marked-up version of the paragraph showing the change made is attached.

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Zeolite used in the present invention is a material which generates heat of hydration when blended with water, and synthetic zeolite powder, for example $(1-x)Na_2O \cdot xK_2O \cdot A1_2O_3 \cdot 2SiO_2(x \ge 0.3)$ (synthetic zeolite 3A type); $Na_2O \cdot A1_2O_3 \cdot 2SiO_2$ (synthetic zeolite 4A type); $(1-x)Na_2O \cdot xCaO \cdot A1_2O_3 \cdot 2SiO_2$ ($x \ge 0.7$) (synthetic zeolite 5A type) are preferable. As to the particle size distribution of the synthetic zeolite, 0.15mm or less is preferred, and such products, there may be mentioned Zeolum A-3 powder, Zeolum A-4 powder and Zeolum A-[S]5 powder commercially available from TOSOH Corporation, and others available from UNION SHOWA K.K.